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Citizens blast plans for waste injection wells

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

Elected officials and concerned citizens spoke out again Monday against the operation of two deep injection wells for hazardous waste in Romulus.

This was the second hearing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) scheduled about the proposed land ban exemption on the hazardous waste wells.

The EPA intends to allow Environmental Disposal Systems Inc. (EDS) of Birmingham, MI, to inject hazardous wastes into two deep injection wells at 28470 Citrin Drive in Romulus.

The company did extensive tests on the wells and underground rock formations to show that the waste will not migrate enough to affect drinking water for at least 10,000 years, officials said.

Hazardous wastes could include heavy metals such as mercury, chromium and nickel as well as solvents and acids.

The first public hearing on the plan took place Jan. 8 and drew a crowd of almost 400 people. This hearing was not as well attended, with only about 150 in attendance, according to Phillipa

Cannon, an EPA spokesperson.

Rep. John D. Dingell (D-MI) requested a second hearing when citizens complained that EPA officials cut them off before they finished speaking at the Jan. 8 hearing.

The public comment period on the proposed land ban exemption was also extended through May 16.

State Representatives Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor, Romulus), Glenn S. Anderson (D-Westland) and Kathleen Law (D-Rockwood) spoke at a brief news conference before the hearing.

Calling it a "misguided project," Hopgood said: "I am joined by Congressman Dingell and others to talk about our opposition to the hazardous waste wells."

"There are no friends of this project here," Dingell said.

"There are questions that need to be answered on procedures as well as the safety of the wells and the migration of wastes as well as with the salt wells that would interfere with these wells," Dingell added.

Sun Oil is negotiating with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to obtain permits to extract brine from wells close to the EDS injection wells.



State Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor, Romulus) was one of several elected officials who spoke out against the proposed use of two deep injection for hazardous waste in Romulus at a public hearing Monday. This was the second hearing scheduled by the Environmental Protection Agency on a proposed exemption of the land ban on such wastes. Photo by Pam Fleming

Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) stated recently that MDEQ officials said that the Sun Oil wells and EDS wells cannot coexist.

Dingell said he expects a decision from EPA officials around the middle of July.

"It would be at least 60 days following the end of the public comment period. But that's not written in stone," Cannon said.

"The 2nd Court of Appeals, which is the second highest court

in the state, has said that they will hear the case," Hopgood said. "We see that as a good sign."

Hopgood noted that elected officials are concerned about the use of the wells so close to large pockets of population as well as Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

"These wells provide no benefit to the citizens of southeast Michigan," Hopgood said.

EPA officials stated at the beginning of the hearing that

there would be no time limits on individual comments this time and that time would only be used as a reference mark.

"We want to be as equal in our time allotment as we can," said Dave Novak of the EPA, who served as moderator at both hearings.

Public hearings give people an opportunity to speak out on an

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Family loses fight with city council for private kennel license

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

Veronica Shackelford is definitely a dog lover.

In fact, she has six at her home in southeast Romulus.

But a move last week by members of the Romulus City Council means she may have to move to another community to keep her precious pups.

Shackelford, moved to the community with her family last year.

"I wanted to get my kids into a better neighborhood," she said.

Their Realtor assured the family that they could have six dogs on the property. But when a next-door neighbor, Ed Marchel, complained about the dogs, Shackelford was found in violation of a zoning ordinance.

The Shackelfords then requested a special use approval from the planning commission for a six-dog kennel, which commission members approved at their March 17 meeting.

However, members of the Romulus City Council did not accept the commission recommendation at the April 14 meeting.

"I don't think I was treated fairly," she said of the city council decision.

"Airport Kennel is right down the road and there's another one on Wick west of Wayne and on

Ecorse Road."

Kim Matthews, Romulus animal control officer, issued the family a warning notice the following day.

Now four of the six dogs must

be off the property by May 16.

Shackelford claims the dogs are well behaved and don't bark incessantly. She has purchased six bark collars at \$120 each.

"I invite any city council mem-

ber to come and look at my dogs and see for themselves," Shackelford said.

Two of the dogs—Saboo, a male Akita, and Sam, a black Pekinese—are indoor pets. The other four dogs are fenced in a pole barn that includes a concrete floor and outdoor area.

The outdoor dogs include Davinci and Boosa, also male Akitas; Ranger, a terrier; and Patches, the only female Akita and Boosa's sister.

"She's the boss," Shackelford said.

Akitas have been part of the Shackelford family for many years.

"One of my friends had a white female and she was beautiful. Then I got a female, Toto, years ago and I fell in love with the breed," she said.

Shackelford said planning commission members' approval last month of the special land use included a sunset clause. This stated that if dogs died or were removed from the property that they would not be replaced with new dogs.

The dogs would have had to



Veronica Shackelford of Romulus with Ranger, one of six dogs at her southeast Romulus home. Members of the Romulus City Council denied the Shackelfords' special land use request for a kennel on the property. The family has less than a month to remove four of the six dogs from the property. Photo by Pam Fleming

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All fired up

Wayne puts future of fireworks in hands of community

Scott Spielman
Editor

Wayne city officials said they know they have a long way to go on their latest fundraising effort.

The city decided to put the fate of the annual fireworks display in the hands of the residents and business owners, after it was eliminated from the budget because of financial constraints.

The council formed a fund-raising committee headed by Councilwoman Donna McEachern at the April 8 meeting. McEachern developed a plan and presented it last week to the council.

She said she's sent out letter to Wayne business owners and will soon put out canisters for funds to pay for the \$18,000 fireworks display.

"We've received about \$1,000 so far," she said. "If everyone in Wayne puts in \$1, we'll have enough."

Mayor Al Haidous said he requested the item be resurrected and put into the hands of the people. The city had to remove the fireworks from the annual budget because reduced state-shared revenues and lower than expected interest income left city officials scrambling to save jobs and preserve a slight budget surplus. Since that decision, however,

er, Haidous said he's received a lot of input from the community about the desire to proceed with the fireworks. He agreed.

"The people should be allowed to celebrate their freedom and patriotism, especially at time like this," he said.

The canisters have already appeared in some local eateries and will soon appear in more, according to McEachern. Cash donations will be accepted, but if

anyone wants their money returned, she suggested a check made out to the City of Wayne with the word fireworks written in the memo line.

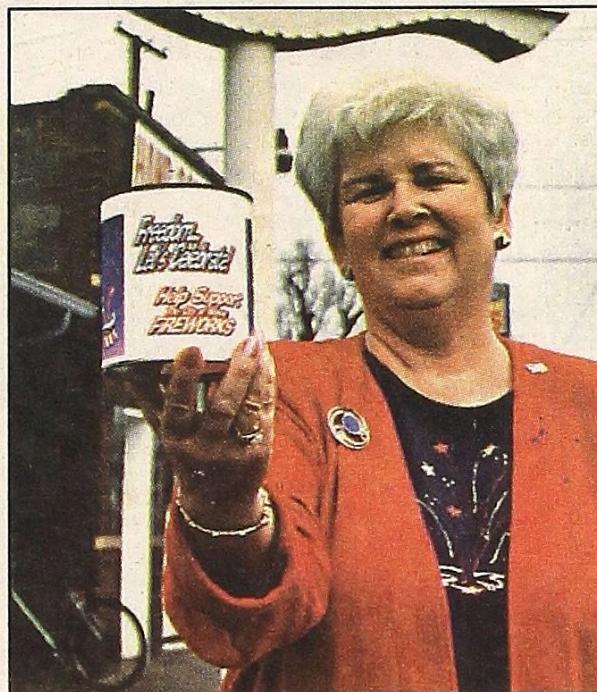
"If we don't raise enough money, everyone who has sent a check will get their money back," she said. "The council will have to decide what to do with the cash donations, because there's no way to track that."

The deadline to submit funds

to pay for the fireworks display is May 15.

McEachern said she hoped residents would contribute as well because the business community is already strapped for donations.

"They're already asked for so much," she said. "We brought this back because the residents said they wanted to have fireworks. This is one way we'll definitely know."

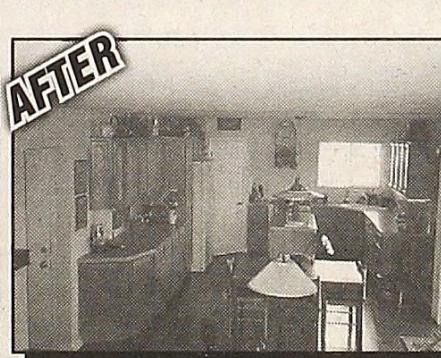


Wayne City Councilwoman Donna McEachern shows one of the donation cans for the fireworks fund drive. The city wants to provide a fireworks display, but doesn't have the money.

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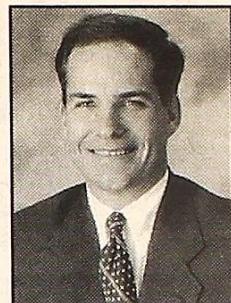


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Economics 101

Students get taste of real world

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

Romulus elementary school students are learning what it takes to make it in the real world with some straight talk from social studies instructors about careers and money.

"Economics is now an important part of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program," said Don Foley, senior high school assistant principal. "This necessitates a K-12 approach for student mastery."

The Romulus Schools Social Studies Department recently focused on teaching students about various careers, including pay scales and the responsibilities, job duties and lifestyles involved.

Students from kindergarten through 12th grade told school board members what they have learned about economics at the April 14 meeting.

Kindergarten students from Laura Smith's class at Merriman Elementary School began the presentation with skits about different types of goods and services. Students wore uniforms relating to various careers, such as physicians, firefighters and

police officers, and described the types of duties they might perform.

First-graders in Barbara Knight's class took a product and learned about all the people necessary to complete the manufacture, distribution and sale of the item. For example, they said that it would take the efforts of a sheep farmer, sheep shearer, yarn maker, yarn dyer, designer, weaver, truck driver, stockperson and salesperson to bring a rug to market.

Eight-grader Jessica Mills presented an outline of how Dan McCabe, head of the middle school social studies department, teaches his class.

McCabe even devised his own mock system of government for the class. Students elect leaders, find jobs, save and invest their money, and purchase goods and services.

Students also keep track of how much money they have, what their income will be and what type of products they can purchase.

At the conclusion of each class, each student can "cash out" by selling investments to McCabe, who places the value on the investments.



Merriman Elementary School kindergarten and first-grade students gave a presentation on economics at the Romulus Board of Education meeting April 14. They talked about various careers and the types of goods and services workers provide. Students included, from left, Drew Wilkerson, Rehman Sheikh, Marrell Hayes, Nikol Ray, Ashleigh Blair, Shanya Sturdivant, Daniel Hollis and Elwin Ready.

Students then total their assets and liabilities at the end of the project to arrive at their financial worth.

"The students really learn from this real-life situation," McCabe said. "They can see just how far their money goes as well as how fast debts can add up."

Toni Gibson, a junior at Romulus High School and student in Shawn Shivnen's class, gave a presentation on her junior year project.

In her project, she compared three jobs and the lifestyles that

they would provide. One job was appropriate for a high school graduate. Another job was designed for a high school graduate with technical training. The third job required a college graduate.

Gibson had to give an estimated income and expenses for the three jobs she chose—court reporter, legal assistant and lawyer.

A 40 student, Gibson said she would prefer the lifestyle of an attorney and noted that with the higher income, she would be

able to purchase a new car, house, and provide for a family.

Charles Kidwell, district social studies consultant, and Shellie Moore, principal, Merriman Elementary, had the opportunity to see the presentations.

Kidwell has been the chief architect of individualized education plans for sixth grade and eighth grade students. He also assists students with educational portfolios they forward to colleges, universities and potential employers.

Wells - Decision not expected from EPA until at least July

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intended regulatory action. EPA officials explained that two things have to take place before a land ban exemption can be granted.

The waste has to either be treated or the owner-operator must show that the wastes will not be hazardous for as long as the exemption is granted—in this case 20 years.

If the exemption is granted, EDS will have to show that the waste is not migrating to receive another permit, according to EPA officials.

Steve Jones, representing Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert said, "I'm here to reiterate Mayor

Lambert's strong opposition to this project. Why would a project be approved when the community is against it? This well has no place in the backyards of hardworking people. I hope we can awaken you to the will of the people."

Ed Clementi from the Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce said, "We took a position three years ago against deep injection wells. They don't improve the quality of life or create many jobs like other businesses. They do nothing for our economy."

"I want my granddaughter to enjoy life and not have to worry about such things," said Jeannie Gaits of Taylor. Her 8-year-old granddaughter, Amanda, lives

within a stone's throw of the injection wells.

Citizens can write to the EPA with comments. Letters must be postmarked by May 16 and sent to Sally Swanson, Acting UIC Branch Chief, U.S. EPA Region 5, Underground Injection Control Branch (WU-16-J), 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604-3590. Comments can also be sent via e-mail to swanson.sally@epa.gov.

Citizens can also read the details of the proposal at the Romulus and Taylor public libraries as well as the Henry Ford Centennial Library in Dearborn. The notice is also online at www.epa.gov/region5/water/uic/pubpdf/factsheet.pdf.

City treasurer grapples with insurance increases

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

The health of every city employee is of great concern to Romulus officials.

And it is of special concern to City Treasurer Debbie Hoffman, who has been notified of another rate increase in health-insurance premiums for municipal employees.

Romulus, like nearly every other municipality across the state, faces serious budget constraints due to reductions in state-shared revenue funding.

"We've put in a 15 percent increase in health insurance costs, but we won't know until May what the actual increase will be," Hoffman said.

"We had a 19 percent increase last year and we've been told to expect double digit increases for the next five years," she said.

"I hope it's only a 15 percent increase," said LeRoy Burcroff, council member, at a recent meeting. "A lot of companies have experienced higher increases (in health insurance costs)."

Hoffman said there are many reasons health insurance costs have increased for the city. One of these is the aging population of city workers.

Both union and non-union workers have had it easy to date with insurance that requires no co-pay. But those days may soon come to an end if insurance costs continue to climb.

"I believe we may have to use co-pay of premiums to help our financial situation," Hoffman said.

Hoffman said that the city spends about 50 cents for every dollar of an employee's salary for health insurance. "This impacts the budget tremendously," she said.

Co-pays on premiums would most likely affect non-union workers first, according to Hoffman.

"I haven't found a city yet that has negotiated a change in co-pay with union workers," she said.

One solution to the problem is to consider starting a health care reimbursement fund for employees. Under such a plan, employees can set aside a predetermined amount of pre-tax dollars to be used for health care expenses.

Hoffman said the city will look at all of its options before suggesting any changes.

She said even a 10 percent co-pay on insurance premiums by employees would provide an additional \$170,000 in annual income for the city.

Kennel - Council members deny special use approval

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be contained in a fenced area and commission members ordered an annual inspection.

Any additional animal use such as boarding, breeding, veterinary or grooming services, would require a separate special use approval.

Shackelford also had to submit a signed affidavit indicating the breed and age of each dog.

"I complied with everything they asked," Shackelford said.

Shackelford said she suffers from panic attacks and the dogs have a calming effect on her. "I play with them a lot," she said.

"If I lose these dogs I don't know what I'll do. I'm prepared to do anything to keep my dogs," she said.

Shackelford said that there

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Veronica Shackelford

are only eight homes on the street and that she has only received complaints from the one neighbor.

She has been to court twice already, but the judge postponed the case until city council members made a decision on the special land use.

"My next court date is May 19, but I'm supposed to have the dogs out before then," Shackelford said.

Shackelford said she and her

attorney have little time to review her legal options before she's forced to remove four of her dogs from the property.

The family may move to Monroe if they can't keep the dogs.

"I refuse to put them down. They're not vicious and never come out of the yard," she said.

Shackelford added that Marchel saw them burying another Akita, Lady Kita, and reported this to animal control officers.

"Animal control gave us two days to get the dog out of the ground," Robert Shackelford said. "And then we had to pay a cremation fee."

Shackelford said the family has already spent \$500 for the special land use application, \$700 for a land survey, \$750 for bark collars plus attorney fees.

Group hopes to protect Johnson Creek waterway

Scott Spielman
Editor

Northville officials aren't the only group of people interested in the proper development of two parcels of township-owned land in the western portion of the community.

The Johnson Creek Protection Group (JCPG) wants to ensure the two parcels are developed in a way that minimizes the impact of the waterway they're named after.

The two sites of immediate concern are Thayer Corners Park, which is off Six Mile and Napier roads and the 16.6 acres of land recently donated to the township by developer Grand Sakwa. That land is near Six Mile and Ridge roads and is part of the Northville Ridge development.

How those two future parks are developed could have a direct impact on Johnson Creek, the only coldwater tributary of the Rouge River. It's a fragile ecosystem and a feature unique to the Northville community, according to Janet Bernardino, president of the JCPG.

"It doesn't exist anywhere else in the Rouge River watershed," she said. "Northville, Salem and Plymouth townships have an asset that no one downriver has."

The group has explored both sites and inventoried the flora, fauna and animal life there, according to Bernardino. On the 56-acre Thayer Corners site, volunteers found a flourishing ecosystem and a surprisingly wide range of topography, according to Steve Weiss, a member of the group. They found large, rare trees, thick forests, ponds and open meadows.

The land was well traveled, too. Weiss said the entire site was ripe with animal tracks and deer paths. He's seen deer, coyotes and woodpeckers as he walked through it, he said.

"We feel it's a resource we can't afford to lose," he said. "There are times when you're walking through it that you lose yourself because it's so quiet. It's hard to believe you're in Wayne County. That's what we want to preserve."

Weiss and Bernardino said their pre-

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sentation last week to the Northville Township Trustees was a proactive step. They wanted to give board members a recommendation of the best possible uses for the site that would have the least impact on the creek and still provide a valuable resource to the community. In both locations they said they felt passive recreation sites would be the best way to go. They suggested interpretive nature trails that could be used for school ecology lessons.

Bernardino said the group has already been working with Sakwa on the Northville Ridge site. The developer has agreed to move three home lots to help preserve some of the cold-water springs that feed the creek. She said the springs are located throughout the 16 acres there, and they continually seep 48-degree water, year round. One of them is about 30 feet wide.

"It's the biggest spring I've ever seen," she said. The spring may give rise to the eventual name for the park, which Bernardino suggested: Cold Water Springs Nature Center at Johnson Creek. The township board will host a public hearing to determine a name for the park at the meeting in May.

Supervisor Mark Abbo said the recommendation from the group was similar to the concept plans discussed by Northville officials. He said they had discussed constructing a nature center at the Northville Ridge site and they were firmly committed to the protection of the creek.

A Boy Scout Troop will host a community clean up day at the Thayer Corners spot May 3, according to Trustee Marv Gans. Scouts will clear out debris, fortify the path and plant different types of shrubs and flowers.

Wayne townhouse project set to begin this summer

Scott Spielman
Editor

Work on the newest residential development project in Wayne will be under way this summer, according to Stuart Michaelson, a developer who wants to transform a prime plot of vacant land into 26 townhouses.

The 1.1 acre site is located on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Wayne roads, according to Community Planner Matt Miller. It backs up to the parking deck and will blend in with the veteran's memorial fountain, both in location and name - Fountain Place Condominiums.

After a public hearing last week, the Wayne City Council members unanimously approved the site plan for the project.

Miller said the units would be in two buildings, a 16-unit structure that faces Michigan Avenue and a 10-unit structure that faces Wayne Road. The Wayne Road building will be constructed so that it follows the curve of the road, and provides a

view of the fountain, he said. The buildings will be brick on the first two levels with vinyl siding above it, he said.

The city owned the property there and sold it to Windmill Group, Michaelson's development firm, for \$112,500.

Miller said the proximity of the unit to the park will allow the developer to provide more lighting for the fountain and to pay for water and electric service there. "That was a condition of the land sale," he said.

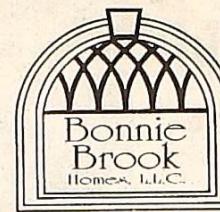
Michaelson is well known to Wayne officials. In his last project, he constructed 26 single-family homes on the site of the former Monroe School. That project was also a success, and may lead to more development opportunities.

"We're very excited about this," said Michaelson. We anticipate that the resident who come to live here will enjoy the downtown area. They'll walk around. This is urban living at its finest.

"It's the type of project that fits in well in a downtown setting," he added. "We're hoping to get started right away this summer."

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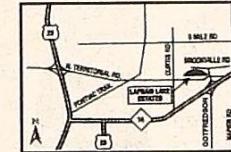
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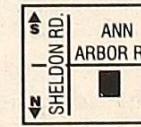
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Belleville woman named to Dean's List

Ryann Kilgore of Belleville was recently named to the Dean's List of Providence College in Rhode Island. She is the daughter of Bill and Janell Kilgore of Van Buren Township.

Providence College is operated by the Dominican Friars. The liberal arts college

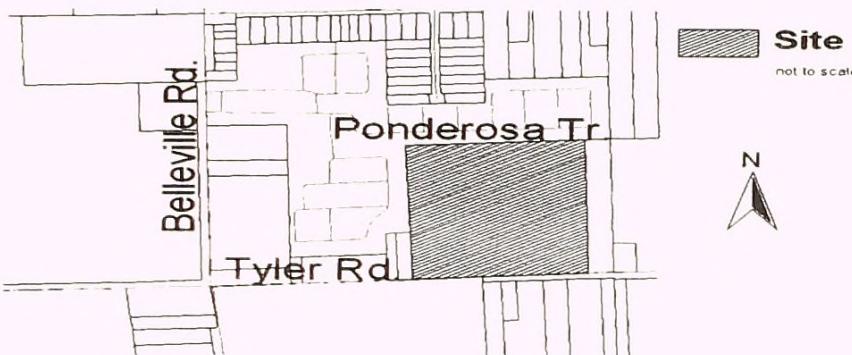
offers degrees in 39 academic majors and has approximately 3,000 undergraduate students enrolled.

Kilgore recently transferred to Eastern Michigan University where she is now majoring in business administration and playing for the women's basketball team.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on Wednesday May 14, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by re-zoning parcel number V125-83-039-99-0013-000 from R-1B (Single Family Residential) to RM (Multiple Family) located on the north side of Tyler Road, west of Morton Taylor, east of Belleville Road.



Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

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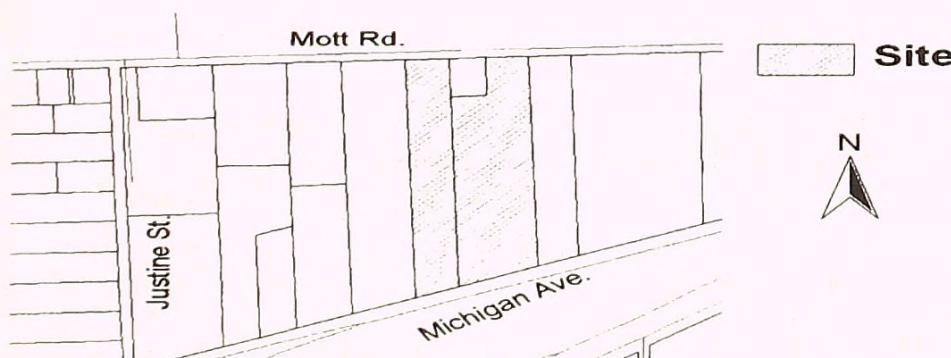
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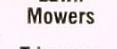
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY ELECTION MAY 6, 2003

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that a Special Public Safety Election will be held **TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2003**. Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST.

Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	Fire Station #1	130 4th St.
Precinct #2	Fire Station #2	45581 Ecorse Rd.
Precinct #3	Tyler School	42200 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #5	South Middle School	45201 Owen St.
Precinct #6	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #7	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #8	North Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #9	Haggerty School	13770 Haggerty Rd

Ballot Language:

Shall the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan renew the 3.0 mill levy against all property with the Township, pursuant to Act 359 of the Public Acts of 1947, as amended, as previously approved by the electors for the purpose of providing funds for police, fire protection and for public safety dispatch for a period of 5 years beginning December 1, 2003. It is estimated that 3.0 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 taxable value) would raise approximately \$2,303,268 when first levied on December 1, 2003.

YES

NO

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 734-699-8909. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the May 6, 2003 Special Public Safety Election is Saturday, May 3, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Township Clerk's Office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Publish: April 24, 2003
May 1, 2003

OPINION

Adequate progress can't be measured in one day or test

What is Adequate Yearly Progress?

That's the first of several Frequently Asked Questions listed in a recent report from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). It's on the second page of a news release that comes under the main headline: Michigan schools continue to improve.

And it's a good question. School officials from Inkster to Northville are trying to answer it for their staff, parents of students and themselves.

The short answer to that question is that Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is a new benchmark that all school districts must follow. It requires them to show continued improvement on student Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) tests as school officials, teachers and other education officials pursue the ultimate goal of achieving 100 percent proficiency in math and reading, a goal they must achieve by the year 2014.

The program is rooted in the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) initiative, which sprang from the One Great Society Act of 1965. School officials have been tracking data from the MEAP tests and charting the AYP for several years, but this is the first year they are accountable for the results.

Let's face it. An adequate educational system is a goal that everyone will embrace. Parents want the best education for their children because it will give them a greater opportunity to succeed in an increasingly competitive world. Teachers and school officials take great pride in their work, their love of knowledge and of passing it on to students.

Government officials want their schools to be successful because it bolsters their community, brings people into it and provides a feather in their caps. But how do you gauge it in a state as widely diverse as Michigan?

The results have been mixed, to say the least. A look around the communities of Plymouth, Canton, Wayne and Westland and Northville actually illustrates some of the many difficulties that must be faced for the program to be successful.

In Northville, officials are concerned about the continued improvement they must show in their schools. That's not to say that they aren't excellent—they operate at an average of at least 85 percent proficiency already. There's only so much they can do to show continued improvement and eventually the gradually rising bar will eventually level out.

Another factor rises in the Plymouth-Canton school district. Considered by many to be an affluent community, the district receives the lowest amount of per-pupil funding of the three. They're forced to show the same progress with fewer funds.

The Wayne-Westland district has a different issue to contend with and it concerns the transitory nature of several of their schools, including the two marked for corrective action this year. They're in lower-income neighborhoods, where teachers don't always see the same students year in and year out. Officials have to remain vigilant to ensure that they are not accountable for the educational practices the students' previous school districts.

State school officials say there are formulas to take all of these varying factors into account, but in many cases they admit that the computer software in place isn't adequate to sift through them.

Their response, to accuse and point out failing schools first and

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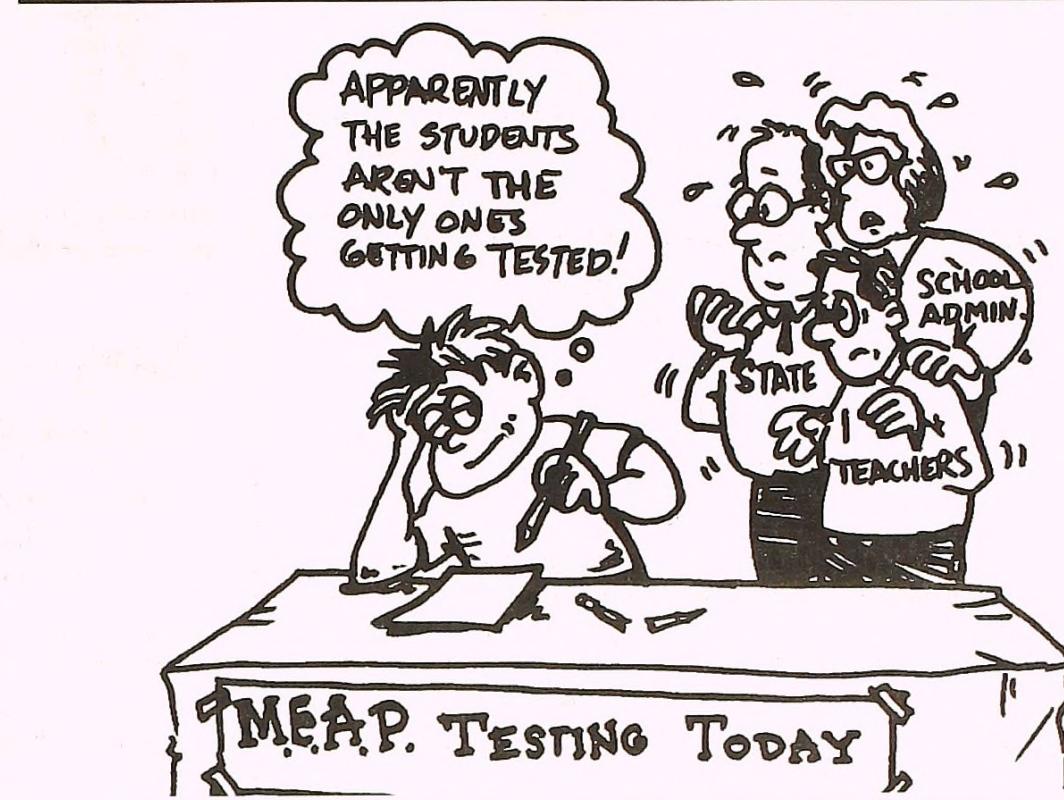
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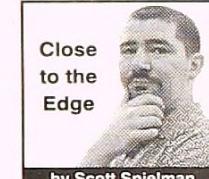
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"Oh," I said, understanding.

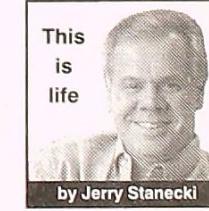
"Yeah. Keep up the good work, man," I called after him. I walked a few steps away then stopped to see how Carter would deal with the situation.

The man in brown approached a young mother and her daughter and stopped to talk to them. I couldn't hear what he said, but I could see Carter calmly handle the potentially serious scene. He stood about 10 feet behind the man, close enough to intercede if necessary, but with enough distance to ensure that nobody panicked, or even realized that an uncomfortable situation might have developed. If Carter was tense, his body language didn't show it. If anything, his presence seemed to provide a sense of reassurance.

After maybe a minute, the man in brown went on his way and the mother flashed Carter a quick smile. Carter meandered after the man for a few steps, but returned to greeting children when it was evident that he was simply passing through. It might not mean much. It may be simple, basic police work, but I found myself giving Carter a silent nod for a job well done.

It's easy to overlook the small ways that police officers routinely ensure safety in the community. It's easy to forget that they may put themselves in harm's way whenever they respond to a call, pull over a driver or even walk through a crowd at a city function. Simple scenes like that don't lend themselves to big splashy headlines and they tend to get lost in the cracks, but it's the essence of good public safety. It may not be as exciting as strapping on body armor and leading a drug raid but it's just as reassuring and just as important.

Diamonds in the sky bring joy



"Whoa, mama," I said out loud as I stepped onto the front porch and was hit by the bitter cold January-like temperatures in April. Standing there, I paused to feel the cold and appreciate the early morning sun. I was thankful for the sun because cold, dark Mondays are tough on me.

Suddenly I realized there were thousands—no, millions, zillions—of tiny snowflakes falling through the rays of the sun. . .sparkling, glittering snowflakes joyfully flying every which way and they looked exactly like dancing diamonds.

I flashed back to childhood and how on so many afternoons, I sat fascinated watching snowflakes fall, wondering with amazement where and how it all came about.

One time, Mom held the magnifying glass over some snow and showed me how each snowflake was different. I was filled with wonderment.

The sun of 2003 reminded me of mornings years

ago, of staring at windowpanes designed and decorated during the night by the mysterious master painter, Jack Frost.

Sadly, today's gas-filled double pane thermal windows make Jack's art extinct.

Then it hit me.

Where are the snowflakes coming from?

Looking up, there wasn't a cloud in one of the bluest skies I've ever seen. So how can it snow from a blue sky? But, it did.

I noticed a light breeze and looked up again. I couldn't see it happening, but it must have been. The diamonds had been gently pushed from the limbs of the giant oak trees and sent into motion and dance, falling ever so gracefully, ever so gently to join brothers and sisters already on the ground.

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Diamonds - Nature displays joy of living in the moment

FROM PAGE 6

Wow, what a great day to be alive, I thought. It was hard to image that at that very moment, men were dying in snow-covered mountains in battle and war against insane terrorists in a land thousands of miles away. It was hard to imagine that humans in another part of the Middle East were acting like enraged ignorant animals killing each other because one was a Jew, another an Arab. Hard to imagine that terror and madness was growing out of control in India.

Hard to image—but indeed sadly it was real.

More gratitude came. I welcomed myself back to the moment and remembered that my peacefulness is usually not so peaceful when

I allow myself to jump into the future or slip into yesterday. When I open myself up to feeling fearful of the future or regretful of the past.

When I stay in the now, I rarely have expectations which usually lead to disappointment. When I stay in the now, I am OK. Right now, feeling safe, secure...right now.

I used to feel badly about myself because I couldn't fix, or help fix the wrongs in society.

Today, I accept that I can't reason with people in the Middle East. I can't convince terrorist, murderers, madmen and thieves to stop. I cannot change people's hatred of, and for each other.

If, each day, I willingly do all that I can to make the world a little better place, a little safer and a little more joyful, then I have done a lot.

And, if I remember to care for me, so that most of the time I'm peaceful and content, filled with gratitude instead of desire, then I am doing what I was brought here to do.

The dazzling dancing diamonds came back into focus giving me a most wonderful gift of the day—a benefit of living in the moment.

Jerry Stanecki is an award winning journalist, author and personal growth coach. He is also a motivational speaker. His book, *Life is a Joke and God Wrote it*, (\$19.50 S&H & Tax included) can be ordered by writing P.O. Box 121, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303. Personal growth audio cassettes available at www.jerrystanecki.com. Please designate the person to whom you want the book dedicated.

Schools - State test inadequate

FROM PAGE 6

correct the label later, if necessary, won't be effective because the eyes of the affected districts will always be blackened.

Local school officials know that the first impression tends to linger in the eyes of the public, even if it's a negative one that is refuted further down the road. These are just some of the issues that arise.

Others include dealing with a large number of chil-

dren for whom English is a second language, a common thread in communities as diverse as the ones we live in.

Providing an excellent educational system is a laudable goal, and one that we wholeheartedly endorse. It only makes sense that a form of evaluation is included in that, but to base the progress of our schools on a test taken on a single day, when so many variables can come into play, is not the best way to do it.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 15, 2003

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Elg, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Special Events Coordinator Mutch, Attorney McCauley, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of eleven (11).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of March 31, 2003, as presented. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2003, as amended. Under "New Business" page one, second motion regarding lot split the parcel number should read "V125-83-021-01-0046-307". Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Pat Hogan, Director of Wayne County Roads discussed the extremely difficult road conditions this spring and measures that have been taken to keep roads open and potential improvements to some roads in the township.

A communication from Wayne County Commissioner Sullivan pertaining to funding for repair of Wayne County Roads.

A communication from Wayne County Department of Environment inviting the community to the 2nd Annual Open House on Monday, May 12th of the Wyandotte Waste Water Treatment Plant.

A "How to Use 9-1-1 Emergency Services" booklet is available in the Department of Public Safety. To obtain a copy please contact the Van Buren Department of Public Safety at 734.699.8930.

The Sixth Annual "Pint of Life" 2003 Down River Blood Drive will be held on Monday, June 23rd at Van Buren Township Hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to adopt Resolution 2003-15 the cost allocation for the South Huron Valley Utility Authority Equalization Basin. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2003-16 an Amendment of South Huron Valley Utility Authority Rules and Regulations. Carried.

Jahr moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2003-17 to approve the transfer of stock in a 2002 Class C Licensed business from American Golf Corporation [co-licensee with The Woodlands of Van Buren, Inc.] to New AGC, LLC [a Delaware Limited Liability Company]. Carried.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to approve the First Reading of Ordinance of 04-15-03 [amending the Code of General Ordinances 12-07-99] regarding Telecommunications. Carried.

*(A synopsis of Ordinance 04-15-03 follows the minutes. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd., during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve Wade-Trim's proposal dated April 9, 2003 to perform additional design services for the I-94 North Service Drive West of the Belleville Flooding Mitigation Project on a time and materials basis, using Rate Schedule 2001A, in an amount not to exceed \$8,500. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to approve the agreement between Van Buren

Township, the City of Belleville, and Richard Johnson for water service at 349 Sumpter Road and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to adopt the Water and Sewer Department Schedule of Rates effective May 1, 2003. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the Parks and Recreation Department 2003 Summer Concert series contracts and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contracts. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve the April 15, 2003 voucher list as amended. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the 2003 January and February Budgetary Reports received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: On Friday, April 18th Administrative Offices at Township Hall will be closed in observance of Good Friday.

On April 30th the final Public Safety Millage Renewal informational meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Otisville/Sheldon Room at Township Hall.

The Work Study Meeting of Monday, May 5, 2003 and the Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 6, 2003 have been canceled due to the Special Public Safety Millage Renewal Election on Tuesday, May 6, 2003.

The Special Public Safety Millage Renewal Election will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2003, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Absentee Ballots are available in the Clerk's Office. In addition, the Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, May 3, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Information regarding voter registration status is available via a link on the township's website www.vanburen-mi.org to the Secretary of State voter information file.

On Monday, May 12th the September Days Senior Center will be hosting a bake sale with all proceeds going to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The Drive-In Dog Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Water and Sewer building located behind Township Hall. Contact the Treasurer's Office at 734.699.8903 for additional information.

Director Ross thanked all the participants of the Marshmallow Drop and the staff for their hard work and further stated the community build for the play structure at French Landing Dam Park will be held on May 10, 2003 at 7:30 a.m.

Coordinator Mutch announced the following events: Kite day will be held on May 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Van Buren Park. Registration has started for the Awesome Adventures Program for youth ages eight to thirteen and an informational meeting will take place on Monday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. For further information about events or programs contact the Recreation Department at 699.8921.

Director Elg stated anyone who would like information regarding the Public Safety Millage Renewal may contact the Public Safety Department via the township's website www.vanburen-mi.org or by calling 699.8930.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

Publish: April 24, 2003

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 7, 2003 IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD,
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles, Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth
Absent: None
Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

1. Motion by Romak by Crova to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-133

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 24, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. Item deleted at petitioners request.

03-134

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney and proceed as directed in the case of Powerbrite vs City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-135

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Allen Dennett.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-136

4C. Motion by Romak, supported by miller to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Annie Hamlin.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-137

4D. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to explore the opportunity for the development of a casino within the City of Romulus created by an Executive Order from Governor John Engler as settlement in the Sault St. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians land claim.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Nays - Burcroff. Abstain - Miller, Romak.
Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5A. No action taken.

5B. No action taken.

03-138

5C. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to schedule a Study Session on Monday, April 28, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of discussing street lighting in various areas of the city and also ornamental lighting along Goddard Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5D. No action taken.

03-139

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 02/03-58 for a 72" Commercial Front Mower with Heavy Duty Snow Blower and Broom to the lowest bidder, Wm F. Sell Equipment for a total price of \$43,718.51.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-140

5F. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 02/03-28 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	CURRENT ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDMENT	BUDGET
State Forfeitures Expenditures	5268-372738.80-10	Capital Outlay -State	181,107	13,000 194,107

Fund Balance	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	REMAINING BALANCE
State Forfeiture	168,279	13,000	155,279

To appropriate additional funds for the purchase of protective gas masks, carry bags and replacement gas filter for police personnel.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-141

5G. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 02/03-29 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	CURRENT ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDMENT	BUDGET
911 Fund Expenditures	261-3610-736.74-89	Training & Certification	3,857	6,000 9,857

Fund Balance	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	BALANCE
911 Fund	155,894	6,000	149,894

To appropriate additional funds to pay for training courses to be attended by Emergency Dispatch Staff.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-142

6A 1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to approve the following traffic control orders:

- All northbound and southbound vehicular traffic on Sharon Street shall STOP at Porter Street.
- All southbound vehicular traffic on Sharon Street shall STOP at Ferndale Street.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-143

6A2. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 02/03-17,18,21,22,24,25,26,27 introduced at the meeting of March 24, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-144

6A3. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to approve the revised version of the proposed Amendment to Chapter XIII of the Charter of the City of Romulus adopted by City Council on February 10, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Motion Failed.

6A4. No action taken.

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Band Boosters to 'tee off'

Golfers will have the chance to tee off for a good cause next month.

The Belleville High School Band Booster Club is hosting a golf outing beginning at 10 a.m. May 17 at the Pine Creek Golf Course in Belleville.

Band Booster Gwen Post said the purpose of the event is to generate funds for the award-winning band program, as well as promote a fun-filled event for the boosters, friends and family. All are welcome to participate, she said.

Pine Creek is a Par 3 golf course, with 18 holes, Post said. It is ideal for both the beginning and experienced golfer.

Plans for the event include a continental breakfast beginning at 10 a.m., as well as a barbecue lunch at 2 p.m.

The cost of the event is \$40 per person. Checks should be made payable to the Belleville Band Boosters. To register for the event or for more information contact JoLynn DeBuysscher at (734) 699-4128 or by e-mail at jdebuy@aol.com.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, April 30, 2003 at 9:00 p.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the Tuesday, May 6, 2003 Special Public Safety Election. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend.

The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Publish: April 17, 2003
April 24, 2003

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 8, 2003 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: ~~16~~ LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles, Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth

Absent: None

Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

1. Motion by Romak by Wadsworth to approve the agenda as presented

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2a. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to move into executive session.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2b. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to reconvene the special meeting.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the special meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 8, 2003.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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6A5. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the destruction of personal property statement from 1999 and all prior years.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 7, 2003.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: April 24, 2003

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday May 14, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel number

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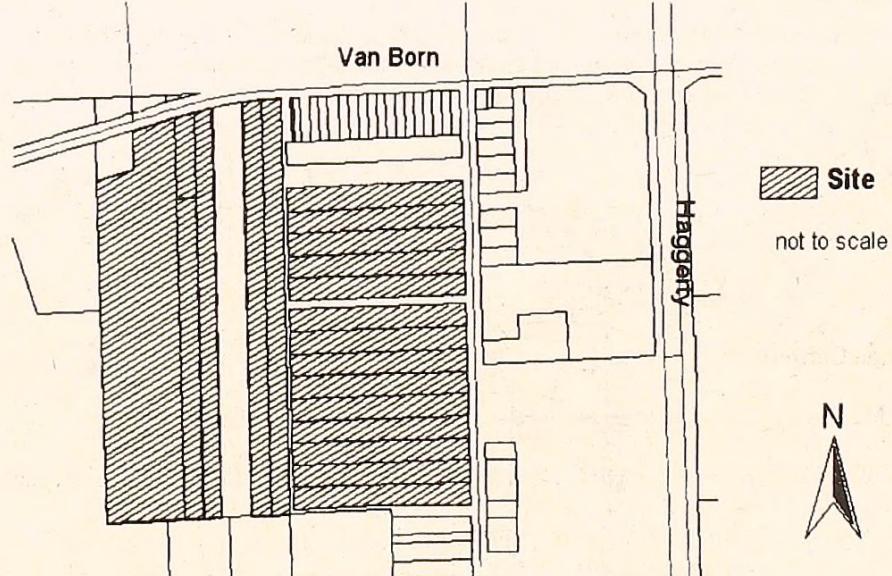
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All property listed above within 600" of Haggerty Road Right of Way to be rezoned M-1 (Light Industrial) and the balance of property to be re-zoned M-T (Industrial Transportation) from R-1B(Single Family Residential). This property is located on Van Born Rd., between Haggerty and Morton Taylor.



Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Posted: April 17, 2003

Publish: April 24, 2003
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OBITUARIES

WATSON, Toni Lynn

Toni Lynn Watson, 38, of Belleville, died April 8.

Among her survivors are her husband, Charles D. Watson, II; her daughter, Jacqueline Antoinette LaMothe of Romulus; sons, Charles D. Watson III and Christopher Patrick Watson, both of Belleville; her father, George A. (Glenda) LaMothe of Belleville; sisters, Katharine Brown of Romulus and Patricia (Gary) Grudzinskas of Belleville; a brother, Shawn (Karin) LaMothe of Belleville, and her grandfather, George B. LaMothe of Belleville.

Services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Deacon Peter Cornell officiating.

SCHEWE, Darryl G.

Darryl G. Schewe, 59, of New Boston, died April 17.

Among his survivors are his wife, Dorothy A. (Newcom) Schewe; sons, Kevin (Rachel) Schewe of Huron Township and Keith (Melissa) Schewe of Murphysboro TN; a daughter, Kellee Stranyak of New Boston; a brother, Jimmie (Josephine) Schewe of Garden City; a sister, Marlene (Lenny) Simmonds of Westland; grandchildren, Kevin, Nolan, Chandler and Connor Schewe and Keaton and Karson Stranyak; a nephew, Herman Schewe of Dearborn Heights, and a niece, Jennifer Schewe of Westland.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with Pastor Robert J. White officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

WARREN, Gay Lynne

Gay Lynne Warren, 53, of Romulus, died April 15.

Among her survivors are her son, Anthony Lovetro of Westland; daughters, Rachel (Shannon) Taylor of Belleville, Jessica Lovetro of Westland; a brother,

Tim (Rose) Warren of TX; a twin sister, Gayle Milspaugh of Romulus; a sister, Mitzie Downs of Presque Isle, and grandchildren Nathan and Kayla Taylor.

Mrs. Warren was a science teacher with the Romulus School District.

Funeral services were at Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Jim Lutzi of Metro Baptist Church in Belleville officiating.

LAMB, Paul Herman

Paul Herman Lamb, 83, of Belleville, died April 14.

Among his survivors are his Goddaughters, Gail Joye of St. Clair Shores and Peggy McCourry of New York; a brother, Gerald (Inez) Lamb Sr. of St. Clair Shores, and special friends Daniel and Suzanne Knight.

Mr. Lamb founded the accounting firm of Heeme, Klein, Grainer and Lamb in the 1950s. After his retirement, he was a greeter in the Belleville Meijer store.

Mr. Lamb served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. G. Richard Danielak officiating.

RUTKOWSKI, Sylvia M.

Sylvia M. Rutkowski, 73, of Romulus, died April 18 in Dearborn.

Among her survivors are her husband, Walter Rutkowski; sons, Mark (Carol) Rutkowski of Romulus and Gary (Barb) Rutkowski of Canton Township; her daughter, Carol (Ted) Gilliland of Romulus; grandchildren, Lesley, Todd, Megan, Ryan, Kelly, Kyle and Kimberly, and a great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn.

Funeral services were at St. Stephen Catholic Church in New Boston with Father Alexander J. Wytrwal officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

Special pre-schoolers sought

Children with special needs may receive free preschool instruction this fall.

The Van Buren Public School district is offering a free preschool program to eligible children with special needs at the Early Childhood Development Center this fall. Free screenings are available from May 5-9 by appointment to determine eligibility for the program.

Children who will be 3 or 4 years old by Dec. 1 and who may have problems with hearing, vision, speaking, motor skills, academic readiness or emotional or behavioral problems can be tested for special needs.

Free screenings are available from May 5-9 by appointment to determine eligibility for the program.

Assessment appointments can be made through the Early Childhood Development Center between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at (734) 699-2180, extension 28 or 27. For more information about the program call the Special Services Department of the Van Buren Public Schools at (734) 697-9123, extension 215.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
COUNTY OF WAYNE STATE OF MICHIGAN****ORDINANCE NO. 04-15-03
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CODE OF ORDINANCES OF
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN OF THE
REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

First Reading of Ordinance 04-15-03, Second reading for adoption will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the special meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday, April 28, 2003 to be held at the Visteon Site, 40300 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Chapter 80 TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.	Section 80-1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.	Amend
Section 2.	Section 80-2. DEFINITIONS.	Amend
Section 3.	Section 80-3. PERMIT REQUIRED	Amend
Section 4.	Section 80-4. ISSUANCE OF PERMIT	Amend
Section 5.	Section 80-5. DURATION OF PERMIT	Amend
Section 6.	Section 80-6. PERMIT TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS	Amend
Section 7.	Section 80-7. CONSTRUCTION / ENGINEERING PERMIT	Replace
Section 8.	Section 80-8. ORDER TO CEASE AND TERMINATION OF RIGHTS	Amend
Section 9.	Section 80-9. RIGHT OF ALTERATION	Amend
Section 10.	Section 80-10. TECHNICAL AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS	Amend
Section 11.	Section 80-11. PRIOR APPROVAL	Amend
Section 12.	Section 80-12. NON-WAIVER	Amend
Section 13.	Section 80-13. PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND SECURITY	Unchanged
Section 14.	Section 80-14. INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE OR INJURY	Unchanged
Section 15.	Section 80-15. INSURANCE	Unchanged
Section 16.	Section 80-16. RETENTION AND CONTROL OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY.	Unchanged
Section 17.	Section 80-17. PUBLIC EMERGENCY	Unchanged
Section 18.	Section 80-18. SANCTIONS AND PENALTIES	Unchanged
Section 19.	Section 80-19. CONDUIT OR UTILITY POLES	Add
Section 20.	Section 80-20. ROUTE MAPS	Add
Section 21.	Section 80-21. REPAIR OF DAMAGE	Add
Section 22.	Section 80-22. ESTABLISHMENT AND PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE	Add
Section 23.	Section 80-23. MODIFICATION OF EXISTING FEES	Add
Section 24.	Section 80-24. SAVINGS CLAUSE	Add
Section 25.	Section 80-25. USE OF FUNDS	Add
Section 26.	Section 80-26. ANNUAL REPORTS	Add
Section 27.	Section 80-27. CABLE TELEVISION OPERATORS	Add
Section 28.	Section 80-28. EXISTING RIGHTS	Add
Section 29.	Section 80-29. COMPLIANCE	Add
Section 30.	Section 80-30. RESERVATION OF POLICE POWERS	Add
Section 31.	Section 80-31. SEVERABILITY	Add
Section 32.	Section 80-32. CONFLICT	Add
Section 33.	Section 80-33. AUTHORIZED TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS	Add
Section 34.	Section 80-34. MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION	Add
Section 35.	Section 80-35. EFFECTIVE DATE	Add

Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

YEAS: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

Publish: April 24, 2003

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

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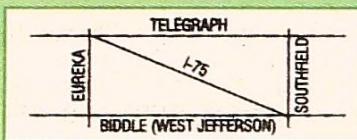
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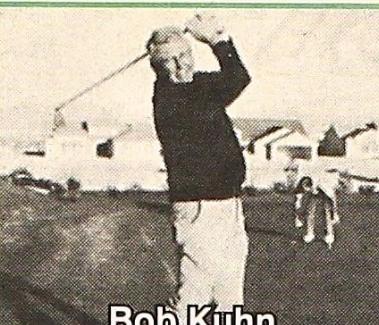
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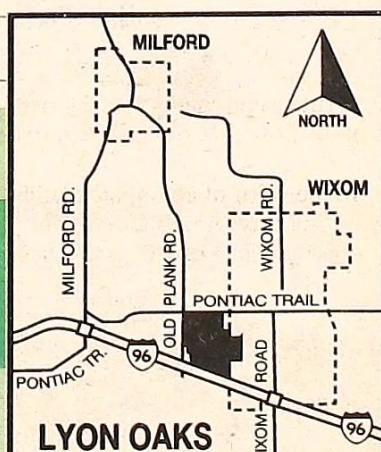
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On the air

Student radio station prepares for annual fundraising auction

Bryon Martin
Staff Writer

There are just two and a half weeks left before the annual radio auction at WSDP, but there's a bit of work to do yet.

The auction, which benefits the student-run radio station at Plymouth Centennial Educational Park, will air from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 10. Student broadcasters will team up with local and regional celebrities to accept bids called in by those listening to the auction at 88.1 FM.

But according to Station Manager Bill Keith, the number of items donated by local businesses is down a bit from last year.

"It's been somewhat of a slow start," he said. "We have lots of repeat supporters and most are still willing to participate. But with the economy the way it is, you can tell it's been on the minds of some businesses."

Nearly half of the station revenue depends on those donations, the parents who solicit them from local businesses and the listeners who buy them during the auction.

"We try to involve parents as much as possible with the soliciting," Keith said. "We've been fortunate that some of our parents have been around to do it over the last few years. They've been pretty successful."

Many of the donations they've secured will appeal to students, though others are geared toward the general public. So far, the station plans to offer up tuxedo rentals, a letter jacket, a program from opening day at Comerica Park autographed by Al Kaline, and lots of restaurant gift certificates.

Last year, the auction generated more than \$7000. The money helps pay for equipment upgrades, studio renovations and other projects not provided for in the station budget.

Past improvements include new computers and digital-editing equipment for the studios and a modernized emergency alert system.

"We'd like to have a few more donations, especially from new folks. We're always glad to meet a new supporter."

Bill Keith

Keith said the station is saving up for additional remodeling projects and new workstations, which are used by station staffers for daily broadcasts, as well as students in the high school radio classes, the Plymouth Community Arts Council and other groups that visit WSDP.

"This year I'd really like to see us push that \$10,000 mark," Keith said. "We need to continuously move up. Nothing gets cheaper."

The school district gives WSDP \$6500 each year to pay for station operations. Money from the budget goes toward repairs, promotions, station diagnostics, subscriptions, some equipment and office needs and the cost of live sportscasts.

If the state-funding woes that plague the district trickle down to the station budget, Keith says the auction money could go to make up the difference.

"If they cut our budget by one or two thousand, it's a big deal," he said.

At this point, Keith said most of the other auction preparations are complete. The schedule of celebrity auctioneers includes Chris Edmonds from WNIC, Jeff DeFran from WTKA and local figures such as Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and State Rep. Phil LaJoy. Each will take a turn accepting bids during the event.

That leaves just one more bit of work to do.

"We'd like to have a few more donations, especially from new folks," Keith said. "We're always glad to meet a new supporter."

To contact Keith about donating an item for the auction, call him at 734-416-7732.



WNIC personality Chris Edmonds will be back as a guest auctioneer at the WSDP annual radio auction May 10th.

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Synopsis

April 17, 2003 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHLVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, April 17, 2003

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 41600 W. Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Abbo at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Supervisor, Sue Hillebrand, Clerk, Richard Henningsen, Treasurer, Marjorie Banner, Trustee, Marv Gans, Trustee, Brad Werner, Trustee, Excused Absence: Shirley Klokkenga

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:** Approve Consent & Regular Agenda - approved
2. **Appointments, Petitions, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - A. Appointment of Audrey Mistor-Jackman to Beautification Commission (3 yr. term) - approved. Presentation from "Johnson Creek" Protection Group
3. **Public Hearing: None**
4. **Brief Public Comments & Questions:** A member of the audience questioned the Board regarding the recreation survey and budget deficit.
5. **New Business:**
 - A. **Municipal Project:** Furniture Bids - approved
 - B. **Municipal Project:** Material Testing Services - approved
 - C. Plante & Moran - Financial Audit - approved
 - D. Parks & Recreation/Senior Budget - approved
 - E. Senior Center Recommendation - approved
 - F. Millennium Park Maintenance Bldg. expansion - approved
 - G. **Municipal Project:** 1st Construction Payment - approved
 - H. Community Park Concept Plan - approved
 - I. Intergovernmental Agreement - Beck Road - Tabled
 - J. Utility Easements - approved
 - K. Household Hazardous Waste Collection - approved
 - L. Fire Department Pension - approved
 - M. Decision from Closed Session - Fire Union Contract - approved
 - N. Property Purchase Agreement - approved
6. **Unfinished Business: None**
7. **Ordinances: None**
8. **Bills Payable:** Bills payable in the amount of \$925,070.92 - approved
9. **Board Communication:** Reports from the following people were given: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Dick Henningsen, Chip Snider, Marv Gans, Marjorie Banner, and Brad Werner.
10. **Any Other Business that may properly be brought before the Board of Trustees:** None
11. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned 10:02 p.m.

Mark J. Abbo
Supervisor

Sue A. Hillebrand
Clerk

This is a synopsis; a true copy of the minutes will be available April 30, 2003 from the Clerk's office by calling 248-348-5800 ext. 253 or by e-mail: shillebrand@northvilemich.com.

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Canton plans fishing derby

It's time once again for the annual Kids Fishing Derby, sponsored by Canton Township Leisure Services.

On Saturday, May 3, the ponds of Heritage Park will be stocked with rainbow trout and children are invited to catch up to three fish each. Ages 12 and under

are invited to fish from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., while those 16 and under can fish from noon until 3 p.m. Open fishing will begin at 3:30 p.m. for residents of all ages.

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Right on New Canton administration building is on schedule

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

With the steel frame rising from what promises to be an improved administration complex for the community, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack is confident the project is running on schedule and within budget.

"Right now, we're two weeks ahead of the game," he said. "But whether we will lose those weeks remains to be seen. We've had a great spring for construction so far, and we're pleased with how the process is moving along."

"We think it's going to be a great improvement (for residents)," Yack said.

The work, which started in the last quarter of 2002, is expected to be complete in January of 2004, Yack said. The \$15 million addition and renovation includes 66,000 square feet of new construction. When complete, the administration building will more than double in size from the present 45,000 square feet of space to 111,000 square feet. One of many funding sources for the project was a \$22 million bond issue that includes the construction of the Canton Performing Arts and Education Center.

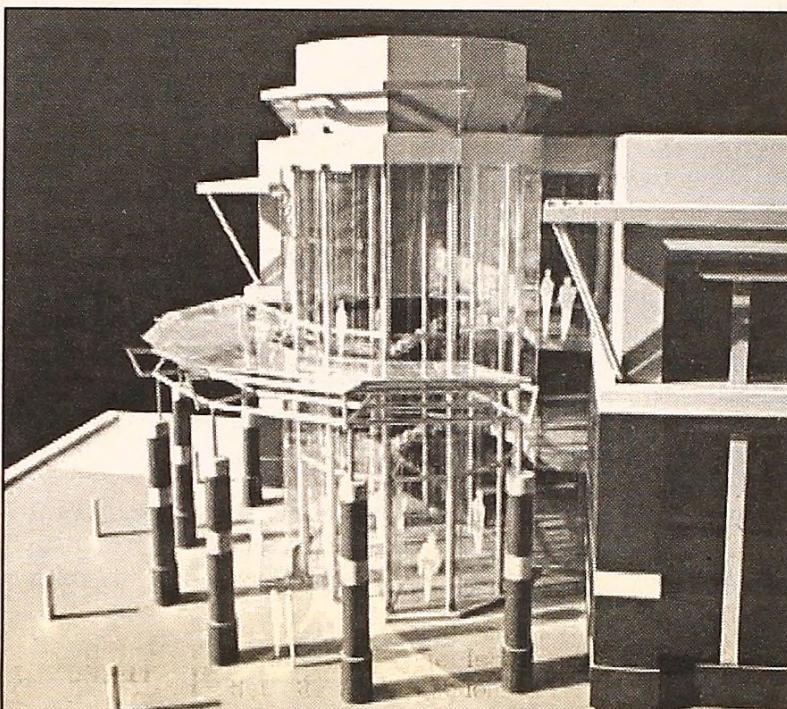
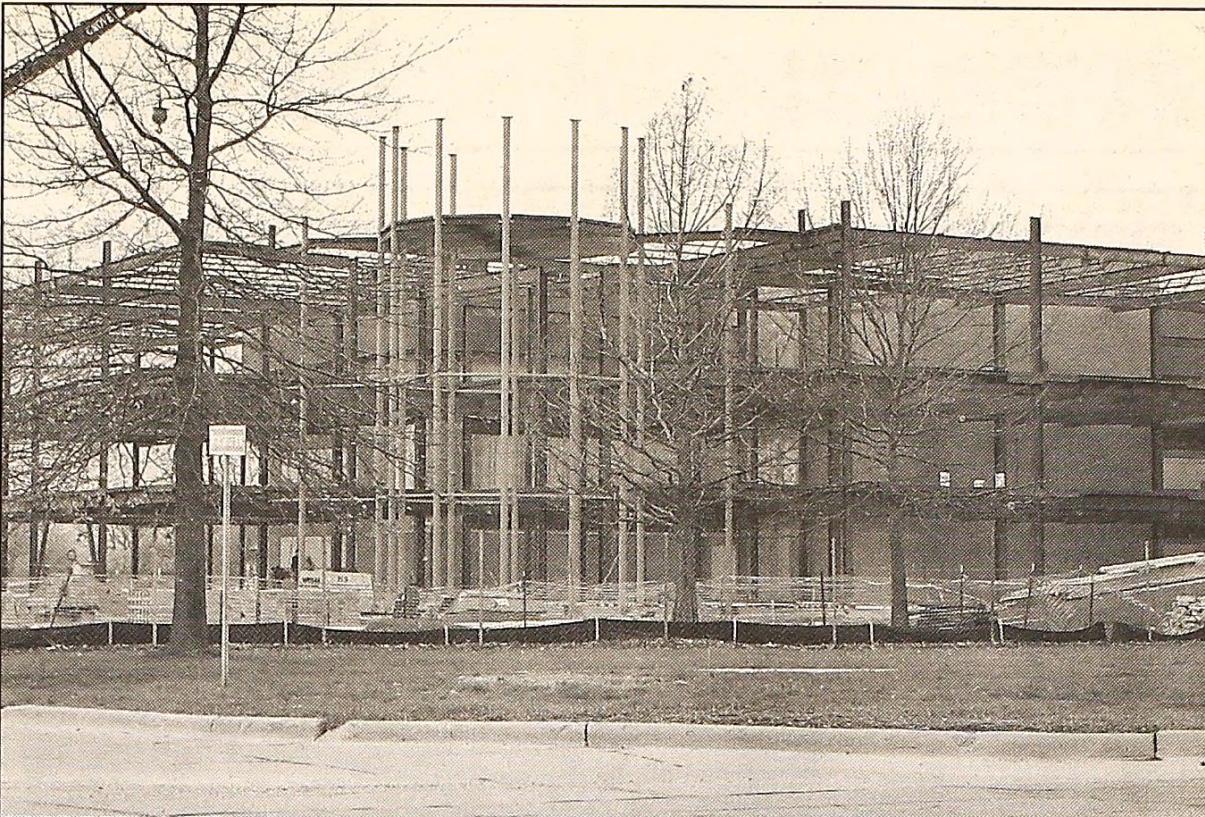
Yack estimates that about 20 percent the project is complete.

Floor decks still need to be constructed, floors still need to be poured, the windows need to be put into place and all of the aspects of interior construction completed. So far, about \$1.5 million in funds has been dispersed.

The need to expand the current facility is in direct proportion to the township population that nearly doubled to about 76,000 from 1990 to 2000, according to U.S. Census figures. Yack said the facility would better meet the needs of the third fastest growing community in Michigan during the next two decades.

Currently, some township employees are moving their offices to accommodate the construction. When the new construction is complete, all township departments including public safety will move into the new portion of the building while the current offices are modernized and brought up to safety code, Yack said.

Once complete, the building will have a look similar to the Summit on the Park, which was completed in 1996. Yack said the township has engaged Auck Cos. to oversee more than 18 contractors currently working on the project. Architectural and design services were provided by TMP Associates of Fair Haven, Mich.



The steel frame of what will be a re-envisioned administration building on Canton Center Road began to rise from the ground two weeks ago. Once completed, the new administration building will more than double in size. The architectural firm of TMP Associates created the design for the new facility.

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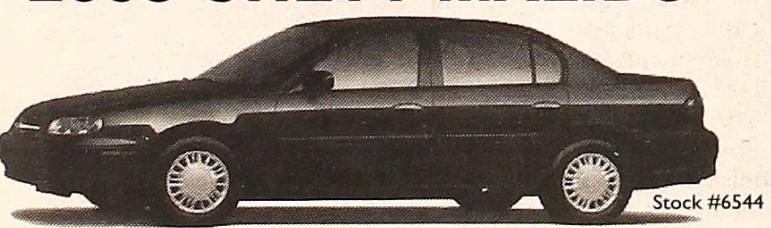
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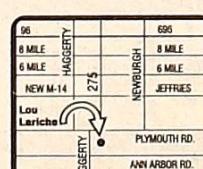
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The Plymouth Whalers are in need of a win after two losses put them behind the Kitchener Rangers, 2-1 in the best of seven games series. It returns to Compuware on Saturday for game six, if necessary.

Kitchener Rangers takes series lead

Scott Spielman
Editor

The good news for the Plymouth Whalers is that they've played well on the road during the conference finals in the Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

The bad news is that strong play has only translated to one win, which came in the series opener. As they headed into Tuesday's contest

against the favored Kitchener Rangers, they trailed in the series, two games to one.

Easter Sunday, the Whalers traveled to Kitchener in the third game of the series and lost a heartbreaker, 3-2.

The Whalers trailed late in the game, but it appeared that Cole Jarrett scored the goal to tie the game as time expired, according to Coach Mike Vellucci.

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Chiefs win with pitching

Scott Spielman
Editor

Last week was a week of dramatic wins for the Canton Chiefs' girls softball team.

Two days after winning a pitching dual against Lauren Talbot and Walled lake Western in the bottom of the ninth inning, the Chiefs rallied from a four-run deficit to snatch a 7-6 victory from Walled Lake Central.

"It was too exciting games in one week," said Canton Coach Jim Arnold. "That's enough." The Chiefs are 6-1 overall, and 2-0 in the league.

Last Wednesday the Chiefs were down 6-3 to start the bottom half of the final frame.

Renee Ross started off the inning with a single and made it to second on a sacrifice from Colleen O'Brien, according to Arnold. Then Molly Conlon reached on an error and the Chiefs had runners on first and third with only one out.

Lisa Sprinkle stepped into the box and ripped an RBI single. Amber Pilot's sacrifice scored Conlon to close the gap to 6-5, but the Chiefs had only one runner in scoring position and two outs.

Then Heather Richardson got a crucial two-out hit and scored

They're three real tough teams we'll be facing. It'll be a challenge and we've got a lot of girls out of town. I hope all of their pitchers are on spring break.

Jim Arnold

Sprinkle. Caitlin McNicholas worked a walk to put runners on first and second, which brought up freshman Rachel Wade. Wade delivered in the pressure situation with a single that scored Richardson from second base, according to Arnold.

"Our kids showed a lot of determination and a lot of character," Arnold said. "It showed we never give up."

The Chiefs are on spring break now, but they'll take part in the Chelsea Varsity tournament on Saturday. They'll face Okemos, Holt and Chelsea, according to Arnold.

"They're three real tough teams we'll be facing," he said. "It'll be a challenge and we've got a lot of girls out of town. I hope all of their pitchers are on spring break."

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Belleville hurlers strong in non-league games

Scott Spielman
Editor

Last week started on a good note but ended on a sour one for the Belleville Tigers girl's softball team.

The Tigers earned two solid victories over Saline last Tuesday, but ran into a too-strong Southgate team on Wednesday, according to Belleville Coach Peggy Curtis.

"I thought we had turned a corner until we got to Southgate," she said.

The Tigers opened a double header against Saline with a 3-2 victory, according to Curtis. They scored one in the first inning and one in the third, but Saline tied it in the sixth inning, she said.

The Tigers scored the game-winning run in the top of the eighth inning. Tammy Mida made it to first base on a bunt single and then Michele Davenport reached on an error that sent

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Mega that we're struggling."

Belleville Coach Peggy Curtis

Mida to third base. Whitney McWilliams brought her home with a sacrifice fly.

The Tigers held on in the bottom half of the frame to earn the win. McWilliams was on the mound, and she struck out the first batter. The next player singled, but she induced a game-ending double play to seal the victory.

The loss may have dispirited Saline, who fell easily in the night cap.

The Tigers scored two in the first, two in the second, six in the third and another run in the fifth to mercy the squad, 11-0. Mida had two hits and an RBI, as did

Laura Voss. The Tigers managed the win with only six hits altogether.

Voss pitched a solid game for the Tigers, too. She struck out five and walked two, giving up two runs on five hits.

The defense fell apart the following day when the Tigers were mercied by Southgate, though. Belleville committed five errors, which no doubt contributed to the 11-0 loss.

Voss only gave up six hits on the day.

"She pitched well enough to win," Curtis said. "Southgate had some of those hits after we should have been out of the

inning. We looked pretty good sometimes and pretty terrible at others."

The Tigers are 5-4 overall and 0-2 in the Mega Red conference.

"We do all right outside of the league, it's in the Mega that we're struggling," Curtis said.

That is, of course, a matter of some concern. She said the team will work on fundamentals because they've got a big week when they return from break. They face off against Trenton and New Boston – where Curtis will face one of her former players – before taking part in the East

Kentwood tournament.

"We need to turn it around," she said. "We've got some ideas of what we'd like to do."

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Whalers - Plymouth plays better on road

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on goal, and the Rangers had 20.

Kitchener 6, Plymouth 1

The Rangers put on an offensive display for the more than 3,000 Whalers' faithful that packed Compuware Sports Arena Friday night.

The Whalers, 6-1 to tie the best-of-seven series at a game apiece.

The first period came and went without a goal from either team, despite plenty of aggressive hockey action.

The Rangers put up four goals in the second period. Two of them came on the power play, when O'Nabigong and Mike Richards tallied. Petr Kanko added two even strength goals to give the Rangers a commanding lead.

Chad LaRose put the Whalers on the board at the 17:28 mark.

He took a feed from James Wisniewski and Nate Kiser and beat Dickie for the lone Whaler tally. The Rangers outshot the Whalers 33-29.

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"We knew it was going to be a tough series," he said.

He said he hoped to play better at home when the Whalers hosted Kitchener for the fourth game in the series. That took place Tuesday night, but the outcome wasn't known at press time.

Even if they won, Vellucci said his team face a formidable challenge to take the series. He said he's optimistic, though.

"We've played great in their building, twice," he said. "We've played good on the road."

"We thought we out played them throughout the game," Vellucci said.

Plymouth recorded 40 shots

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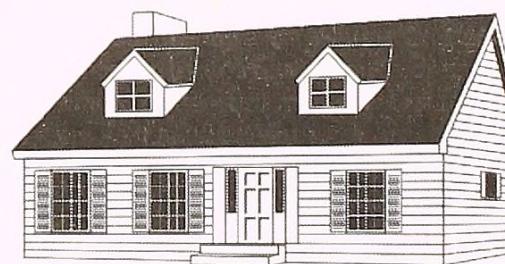
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Movin' up

Rockets match last season win total

Scott Spielman
Editor

The John Glenn Rockets' girls softball team had a lot to smile about going into spring break.

With a win over Redford Union on Thursday, the team has already equaled its win total of last year. The Rockets mercied the Panthers 12-0 in a crossover game.

Dana Baran put in another solid outing. She gave up two hits and a walk and stuck out eight batters. She provided some offense, too. Baran singled and scored a run and Amber Voss was 1-for-3 with an RBI.

The Rockets, for their part, were aided by some sloppy defense on the other side of the field. The Panthers committed three errors and were called for a catcher's interference.

John Glenn Coach Kim Shock said she's seen steady signs of improvement from the Rockets during the season, notably last Wednesday, when they topped the Northville Mustangs 3-2.

"That's good for this team anytime," she said. "But this win was something else."

Baran pitched that game, too. She gave up seven hits with 10 strike outs and four walks. She's 4-3 on the year, overall.

"It was a good game, especially on the defensive side," Shock said. "(Baran) had a

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John Glenn Coach
Kim Shock

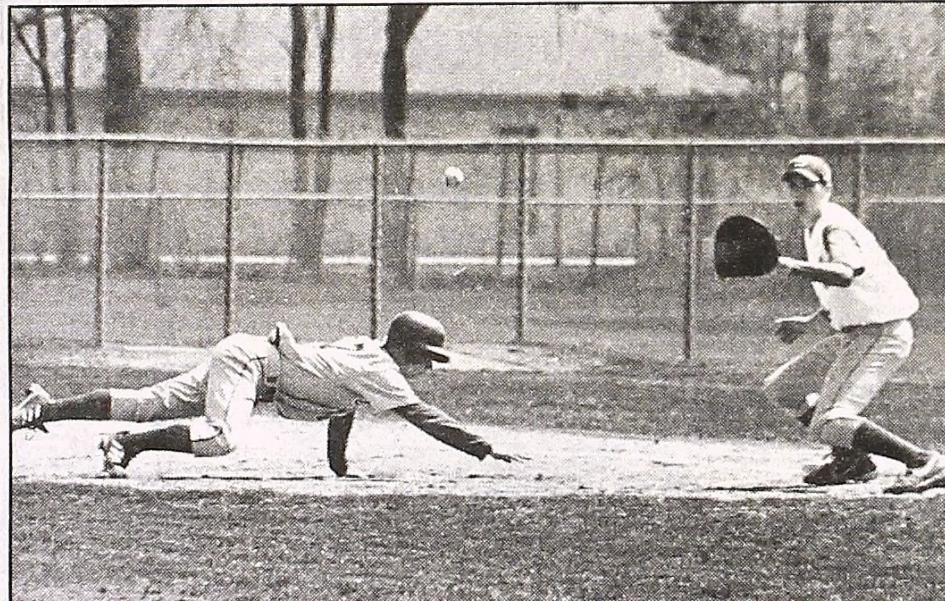
lot of ground outs."

Each team put up two runs in the third inning. The Rockets scored the game winner in the fifth, when Alicia Ring led off with a triple. Devin Ross knocked her home with a double. She was three for four in the game. Rebecca Oros and Ring were two for three. The Rockets had 10 hits overall.

"Having a couple of wins under our belts really helps," said Shock. "We're playing well and the girls have a great attitude."

Like everyone else, the Rockets are on spring break this week. They better take their rest while they can, because they have a busy schedule when they come back, culminating in a varsity invitational at Salem High School.

"We play every day when we come back from break," she said. "We've got to make up the games we lost earlier."



Boys of summer

The Canton Chiefs start a three-game home stand tomorrow when they host Rochester at 4 p.m. Salem travels to Cincinnati for a tournament there. Most athletic teams are on spring break this week and return to action Monday.

Canton strong heading to break

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Canton Chiefs girls' soccer team has hit its stride going into spring break.

After a 9-0 victory last Monday against Wayne Memorial, the Chiefs knocked off two more wins to bolster their record to 4-2, according to Coach Don Smith.

The Chiefs continued their winning ways last Wednesday with a 5-0 victory over the Walled Lake Central Vikings.

"They have a decent team," Smith said. "They're getting better every year."

Andrea Johnson led the way for Canton. She had two goals in the win. Erica Ahrens, Kara Marsh and Katie Rakar each had a goal, too, according to Smith.

The Canton defense was solid on that cold night, he said. Briana Wolcott had four saves to earn the shut out.

Thursday night, Erica Ahrens led the Chiefs to a 2-1 victory over Birmingham Sea-

holm. She scored both goals in the victory.

"She's doing a real good job for us," Smith said.

Rachel Perry also had an assist in the win. Wolcott made 12 saves for the win.

Smith said the victory was a good one to take into the break.

"We were very pleased to go over there and get the victory," he said. "They're a good, talented team."

The Chiefs are 2-0 in the league and will face another good, talented team when they return from the break. Their first opponent is the unbeaten Northville Mustangs, who they'll host at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 28.

"We're looking forward to it," Smith said. "It's always a good ball game."

Northville may not be the team he'd like to face coming off a spring break when most of the team will be slightly out of peak condition, but as Smith pointed out: "Everyone's in the same position."



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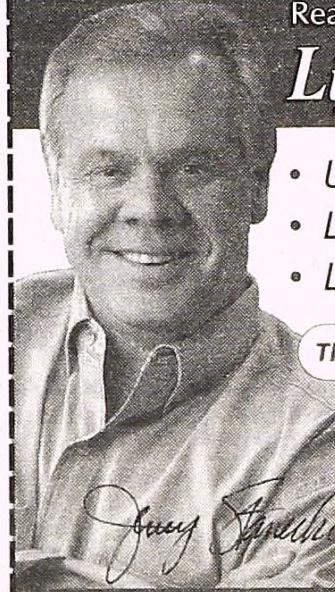
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Backpack danger to be discussed

Pam Fleming
Staff Writer

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Nationwide, according to AirPack Backpack, a leading manufacturer of the carryalls, about 40 million students carry backpacks. And many of them force too much into the handy devices, posing a threat of long-term health damage.

Staff members from the Belleville Chiropractic Wellness Clinic will present a free program about backpack safety at 6:30 p.m. April 30 at the Van Buren Township Community Center, 46425 Tyler Road. April has been declared Backpack Awareness Month, nationally.

The doctors will discuss the correct way to wear and store backpacks and discuss the health risks children take when they carry a backpack that's too heavy. The chiropractors will also conduct backpack weigh-ins and show a video.

The Community Center is

located on the east end of Van Buren Township Hall, behind the building near the Parks and Recreation Department.

Drs. Glen Sisk and Elizabeth Jacobs-Sisk said overloaded backpacks can cause neck ache, low back pain and various muscle strains.

"While carrying a backpack to school every morning may seem harmless enough, it can cause painful back and neck problems and injuries. These can lead to long-term medical problems," Sisk said.

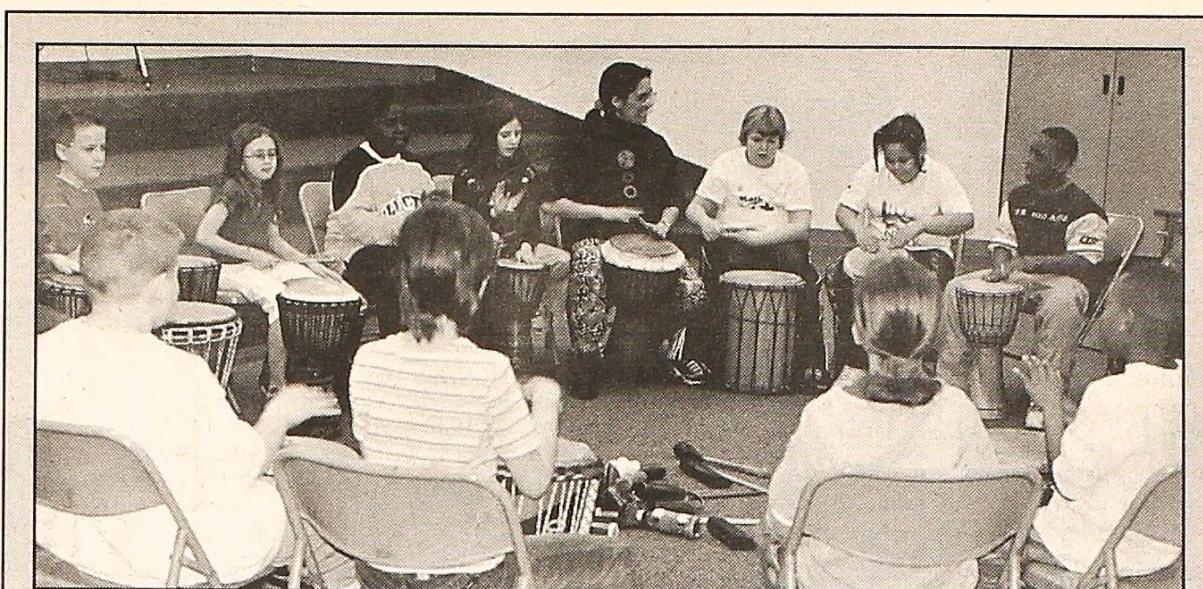
"Young people today are putting themselves in danger by carrying too much weight. We think it is essential for children and parents to learn more about backpacks and how to carry them safely," Jacobs-Sisk said.

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"We do see some postural changes," he added.

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Lori Fithian, a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Music in Ann Arbor, shows Barth Elementary School students some drum rhythm patterns. The class participated in a full round of African drumming during a recent visit from Fithian.

Musician drums up student interest

What do you get when you combine people and drums?

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Fithian, a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Music in Ann Arbor, has developed her own drum circle techniques. She coined the word "drumminity" to describe the camaraderie that occurs when people come

together around a circle of drums.

Her drums are authentic African designs, called ashikos and djembes that originated in Senegal, Ghana and Guinea, Africa. Some have open bottoms while others are enclosed. She also has bass drums.

Fithian visits educational settings, conferences, staff meetings, festivals and private parties. She says playing these types of drums provides many intangible benefits.

"The drumminity circle promotes stress release, personal growth, cooperation, listening skills, team building, diversity awareness, spontane-

ity, creativity, relaxation and wellness," she said.

Fithian studied under Arthur Hill, the author of *Drum Circle Spirit—Empowering Human Potential through Rhythm*. She also worked with Barry Bittman, MD, a neurologist author, international speaker, award-winning producer/director and inventor.

Bittman serves as CEO and medical director of the Mind-Body Wellness Center, a comprehensive interdisciplinary outpatient medical facility in Meadville, PA.

Fithian also organized her own drumminity groups that meet weekly in Ann Arbor.

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1986 Chevy Cavalier

1G1JE27PXB107104
2-Door / 03-1888

2000 VW

WWVWD23B3YE182505
Sta. Wagon / 03-2044

1989 Mercury

3MABM115XKR662202
2-Door / 03-2118

1991 Pontiac Grand-Am

1G2NE14U0MC511730
2-Door / 03-2138

1983 Ford Mustang

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2-Door / 03-2150

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2GCEG25C0D4153132
Van / 03-2151

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1G3AM1936FD414462
4-Door / 03-2208

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1G411K15H402970
2-Door / 03-2297

1994 Cadillac Seville

1G6KY5295RU825342
4-Door / 03-2326

1992 Ford

1ZVPT20C6N5203591
2-Door / 03-2203

1993 Saturn SL-1

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4-Door / 03-2202

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